

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res 78, Continuing Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13245-S13319

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1829–1834, S. Res. 192. **Page S13300**

Measures Reported:

S. 1779, to authorize the establishment of “Radio Free Afghanistan”, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 107–125)

H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–126)

H. Con. Res. 211, commending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 10th anniversary of her receiving the Nobel Peace Prize and expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the Government of Burma, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble. **Page S13300**

Measures Passed:

Student Loan Interest Rates: Senate passed S. 1762, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders. **Pages S13310-11**

Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act: Senate passed S. 1793, to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001. **Pages S13311-12**

District of Columbia Family Court Act: Senate passed H.R. 2657, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to redesignate the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia as the Family Court of the Superior Court, to recruit and retain trained and experienced judges to serve in the Family Court, to promote consistency and efficiency in the assignment of judges to the Family

Court and in the consideration of actions and proceedings in the Family Court, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Daschle (for Lieberman/Thompson) Amendment. No. 2610, to make certain improvements to the bill.

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Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 192, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in *Judith Lewis v. Rick Perry*, et al.

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Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13317**

Federal Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13245–75**

Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13245–75**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2596 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide for Presidential certification that the government of Cuba is not involved in the support for acts of international terrorism as a condition precedent to agricultural trade with Cuba. **Page S13246**

Torricelli Amendment No. 2597 (to Amendment No. 2596), to provide for Presidential certification that all convicted felons who are living as fugitives in Cuba have been returned to the United States prior to the amendments relating to agricultural trade with Cuba becoming effective. **Page S13246**

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote 368) by which the motion to close further debate on

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above) failed. **Page S13246**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2602 (to Amendment No. 2471), to insert in the environmental quality incentives program provisions relating to confined livestock feeding operations and to a payment limitation. **Pages S13246–47**

Lugar (for McCain) Amendment No. 2603 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide for the market name for catfish. **Page S13247**

Harkin Modified Amendment No. 2604 (to Amendment No. 2471), to apply the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to livestock production contracts and to provide parties to the contract the right to discuss the contract with certain individuals. **Pages S13251–59, S13260–75**

Burns Amendment No. 2607 (to Amendment No. 2471), to establish a per-farm limitation on land enrolled in the conservation reserve program. **Page S13259**

Burns Amendment No. 2608 (to Amendment No. 2471), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish certain per-acre values for payments for different categories of land enrolled in the conservation reserve program. **Pages S13259–60**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Treaty with the Russian Federation on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 106–22) (Ex. Rept. 107–3) **Page S13300**

Measures Referred: **Page S13299**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S13317**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Pages S13299–S13300**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S13300**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S13300–01**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S13301–05**

Additional Statements: **Pages S13297–99**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S13305–10**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:14 p.m., until 12:30 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13318.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today.

Committee Meetings

BATTLING BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on Battling Bioterrorism: Why Timely Information-Sharing Between Local, State and Federal Governments is the Key to Protecting Public Health. Testimony was heard from Edward Baker, M.D., Director, Public Health Program Practice Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Rock Regan, Chief Information Officer, State of Connecticut; Gianfranco Pezzino, M.D., Epidemiologist, Department of Health and Environment, State of Kansas; and public officials.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 17 through December 22, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization., with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 11 a.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to resume consideration of S. 1731, Federal Farm bill, Conference Reports on H.R. 3338, Department of Defense Appropriations, H.R. 2506, Foreign Operations Appropriations, and H.R. 3061, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.